



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: SAITOH, Shuji, et al.

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Examiner: Jana A. Hines

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For. **NOVEL FUSION PROTEIN, GENE THEREOF, RECOMBINANT VECTOR BEARING THE GENE AND RECOMBINANT VIRUS AS WELL AS USE THEREOF**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 12, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2003 for three months from February 13, 2004, to May 13, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

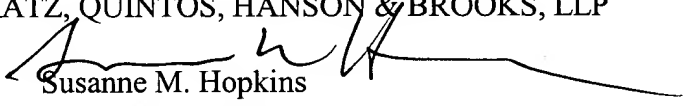
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